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Ref: 8EPR-SR

Mr. Alan Stringer
W.R. Grace
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Dear Mr. Stringer:

Enclosed are three work plan documents associated with the planned remediation of the Flyway property:

1. Flyway Property, Final Removal Action Work Plan dated August 14, 2001. This document provides the basic procedures and plans for remediation of the flyway and was prepared prior to the onset of cleanup in 2001.
2. Flyway Property, Removal Action Work Plan Addendum dated May 10, 2002. This document was prepared after partial cleanup occurred in 2001. It provides a summary of work completed in 2001 and a brief description of work planned for 2002 (which did not occur).
3. Soil Sampling Results, Asbestos Levels in Soil by PLM. This map shows some sample results as well as grids planned for excavation in 2002.

As I discussed on our recent teleconference, EPA is still in the process of reviewing these work plan documents and does not yet consider them final for the purposes of setting forth cleanup requirements for W.R.Grace. However, we are providing the documents now in order give W.R. Grace a general idea of the scope of remediation required. Based upon our review, we plan to prepare a 2003 Flyway Work Plan Addendum that will augment these existing documents. We will provide this to you as soon as it is available, likely in a few weeks. I do not expect this revision to affect the scope of work significantly, but I do expect the revised work plan to make requirements and plans easier to follow and implement. This will be beneficial to both parties.

Given the short construction season in Libby, I am hoping that we will soon be able to pursue further discussions on Grace's participation in work at the Flyway. I believe we will need an agreement in place by the beginning of July in order for Grace to perform the work this



summer. I look forward to working with you on the remediation of the Flyway and other projects. If you have any questions, please call me at (303) 312-6748.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JCE', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jim Christiansen
Remedial Project Manager

cc: Robert Emmett, W.R. Grace
Matthew Cohn, EPA
James Freeman, DOJ